

# POWER SERIES SOLUTION OF THE MODIFIED KDV EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. We use the method of Christ [3] to prove local well-posedness of a modified mKdV equation in  $\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}$  spaces.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The mKdV equation on the torus is

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t u + \partial_x^3 u + u^2 \partial_x u = 0 \\ u(\cdot, 0) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

where  $u \in H^s(\mathbb{T})$  is a real-valued function of  $(x, t) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ . If  $u$  is a smooth solution of (1) then  $\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T})} = \|u_0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T})}$  for all  $t$ , therefore  $\tilde{u}(x, t) = u(x + \frac{1}{2\pi} \|u_0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T})}^2 t, t)$  is a solution of

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t u + \partial_x^3 u + \left(u^2 - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} u^2(x, t) dx\right) \partial_x u = 0 \\ u(\cdot, 0) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

Thus, (2) and (1) are essentially equivalent. Using Fourier restriction norm method, Bourgain [1] showed that (2) is locally well-posed when  $s \geq 1/2$ , with uniformly continuous dependence on the initial data  $u_0$ . In [2], he also showed that when  $s < 1/2$ , the solution map is not  $C^3$ . Takaoka and Tsutsumi [10] proved local-wellposedness of (2) when  $s > 3/8$ . For (1), Kappeler and Topalov [8] used inverse scattering method to show wellposedness when  $s \geq 0$  and Christ, Colliander and Tao [4] showed that uniformly continuous dependence on the initial data does not hold when  $s < 1/2$ . Thus, there is a gap between known local well-posedness results and the space  $H^{-1/2}(\mathbb{T})$  suggested by the standard scaling argument.

Recently, Grünrock and Vega [7] showed local well-posedness of the mKdV equation on  $\mathbb{R}$  with initial data in

$$\widehat{H}_s^r(\mathbb{R}) := \{f \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}) : \|f\|_{\widehat{H}_s^r} := \left\| \langle \cdot \rangle^s \hat{f}(\cdot) \right\|_{L^{r'}} < \infty\},$$

when  $2 \geq r > 1$  and  $s \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2r}$ . (for  $r > \frac{4}{3}$ , this was obtained by Grünrock [5]). This is an extension of the result of Kenig, Ponce and Vega [9] that local-wellposedness holds in  $H^s(\mathbb{R})$  when  $s \geq 1/4$ . Furthermore, as  $\widehat{H}_s^r$  scales like  $H^\sigma$  with  $\sigma = s + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{r}$ , this result covers spaces that have scaling exponent  $-\frac{1}{2}+$ .

There is also a related recent work of Grünrock and Herr [6] on the derivative nonlinear Schrödinger equation on  $\mathbb{T}$ . Both [7] and [6] used a version of Bourgain's method.

In this paper, we will apply the new method of solution of Christ [3] to investigate the local well-posedness of (2) with initial data in

$$\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}(\mathbb{T}) := \{f \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T}) : \|f\|_{\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}} := \left\| \langle \cdot \rangle^s \hat{f}(\cdot) \right\|_{l^p} < \infty\}.$$

Let  $B(0, R)$  be the ball of radius  $R$  centered at 0 in  $\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}(\mathbb{T})$ . Our main result is the following.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Suppose  $s \geq 1/2$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $p'(s + 1/4) > 1$ . Let  $W$  be the solution map for smooth initial data of (2). Then for any  $R > 0$  there is  $T > 0$  such that, the solution map  $W$  extends to a uniformly continuous map from  $B(0, R)$  to  $C([0, T], \mathcal{FL}^{s,p}(\mathbb{T}))$ .*

We note that the  $\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}(\mathbb{T})$  spaces that are covered by Theorem 1.1 have scaling index  $\frac{1}{4}+$ . The restriction  $s \geq 1/2$  is due to the presence of the derivative in the nonlinear term, and is only used to bound the operator  $S_2$  in section 3. The same restriction on  $s$  is also required in the work on the derivative nonlinear Schrödinger equation on  $\mathbb{T}$  by Grünrock and Herr [6]. We believe, however, that the range of  $p$  in Theorem 1.1 is not sharp.

Concerning (1), we have the following.

**Corollary 1.2.** *Suppose  $s \geq 1/2$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $p'(s + 1/4) > 1$ . Let  $\widetilde{W}$  be the solution map for smooth initial data of (2). Then for any  $R > 0$  there is  $T > 0$  such that for any  $c > 0$ , the solution map  $\widetilde{W}$  extends to a uniformly continuous map from  $B(0, R) \cap \{\varphi : \|\varphi\|_{L^2} = c\} \subset \mathcal{FL}^{s,p}(\mathbb{T})$  to  $C([0, T], \mathcal{FL}^{s,p}(\mathbb{T}))$ .*

As in [3], the solution map  $W$  obtained in Theorem 1.1 gives a weak solution of (2) in the following sense. Let  $T_N$  be defined by  $T_N u = (\chi_{[-N, N]} \widehat{u})^\vee$ . Let  $\mathcal{N}u := (u^2 - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} u^2(x, t) dx) \partial_x u$  be the limit in  $C([0, T], \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T}))$  of  $\mathcal{N}(T_N u)$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , provided it exists.

**Proposition 1.3.** *Let  $s$  and  $p$  be as in Theorem 1.1. Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{FL}^{s,p}$  and  $u := W\varphi \in C([0, T], \mathcal{FL}^{s,p})$ . Then  $\mathcal{N}u$  exists and  $u$  satisfies (2) in the sense of distribution in  $(0, T) \times \mathbb{T}$ .*

To prove these results, we will formally expand the solution map into a sum of multilinear operators. These multilinear operators are described in the section 2. Then we will show that if  $u(\cdot, 0) \in \mathcal{FL}^{s,p}$  then the sum of these operators converges in  $\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}$  for small time  $t$ , when  $s$  and  $p$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 1.1. Furthermore, this gives a weak solution of (2), justifying our formal derivation.

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## 2. MULTILINEAR OPERATORS

We rewrite (2) as a system of ordinary differential equations of the spatial Fourier series of  $u$  (see formula (1.9) of [10], and also Lemma 8.16 of [1]):

$$\begin{aligned}
(3) \quad \frac{d\hat{u}(n,t)}{dt} - in^3\hat{u}(n,t) &= -i \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=n} \hat{u}(n_1,t)\hat{u}(n_2,t)n_3\hat{u}(n_3,t) \\
&\quad + i \sum_{n_1} \hat{u}(n_1,t)\hat{u}(-n_1,t)n\hat{u}(n,t) \\
&= \frac{-in}{3} \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=n}^* \hat{u}(n_1,t)\hat{u}(n_2,t)\hat{u}(n_3,t) \\
&\quad + in\hat{u}(n,t)\hat{u}(-n,t)\hat{u}(n,t),
\end{aligned}$$

where the star means the sum is taken over the triples satisfying  $n_j \neq n$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

Let  $a(n,t) = e^{in^3t}\hat{u}(n,t)$ , then  $a_n(t)$  satisfy

$$\frac{da(n,t)}{dt} = -\frac{in}{3} \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=n}^* e^{i\sigma(n_1,n_2,n_3)t} a(n_1,t)a(n_2,t)a(n_3,t) + ina(n,t)a(-n,t)a(n,t),$$

where

$$\sigma(n_1, n_2, n_3) = (n_1 + n_2 + n_3)^3 - n_1^3 - n_2^3 - n_3^3 = 3(n_1 + n_2)(n_2 + n_3)(n_3 + n_1).$$

Or, in integral form,

$$\begin{aligned}
(4) \quad a(n,t) &= a(n,0) - \frac{in}{3} \int_0^t \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=n}^* e^{i\sigma(n_1,n_2,n_3)s} a(n_1,s)a(n_2,s)a(n_3,s)ds \\
&\quad + in \int_0^t |a(n,s)|^2 a(n,s)ds.
\end{aligned}$$

We note that the triples in the sum are precisely those with  $\sigma(n_1, n_2, n_3) \neq 0$ . If,  $a$  is sufficiently nice, say  $a \in C([0, T], l^1)$  (which is the case if  $u \in C([0, T], H^s(\mathbb{T}))$  for large  $s$ ) then we can exchange the order of the integration and summation to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(5) \quad a(n,t) &= a(n,0) - \frac{in}{3} \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=n}^* \int_0^t e^{i\sigma(n_1,n_2,n_3)s} a(n_1,s)a(n_2,s)a(n_3,s)ds \\
&\quad + in \int_0^t |a(n,s)|^2 a(n,s)ds.
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing the  $a(n_j, s)$  in the right hand side by their equations obtained using (5), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
a(n,t) &= a(n,0) - \frac{in}{3} \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=n}^* a(n_1,0)a(n_2,0)a(n_3,0) \int_0^t e^{i\sigma(n_1,n_2,n_3)s} ds \\
&\quad + in |a(n,0)|^2 a(n,0) \int_0^t ds + \text{additional terms} \\
&= a(n,0) - \frac{n}{3} \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=n}^* \frac{a(n_1,0)a(n_2,0)a(n_3,0)}{\sigma(n_1, n_2, n_3)} (e^{i\sigma(n_1,n_2,n_3)t} - 1) \\
(6) \quad &\quad + int |a(n,0)|^2 a(n,0) + \text{additional terms}
\end{aligned}$$

The additional terms are those which depends not only on  $a(m, 0)$ . An example of the additional terms is

$$-\frac{nn_3}{9} \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=n}^* a(n_1, 0)a(n_2, 0) \sum_{m_1+m_2+m_3=n_3}^* \int_0^t e^{i\sigma(n_1, n_2, n_3)s} \int_0^s e^{i\sigma(m_1, m_2, m_3)s'} \times \\ a(m_1, s')a(m_2, s')a(m_3, s')ds'ds$$

We refer to section 2 of [3] for more detailed description of these additional terms. Then we can again use (5) for each appearance of  $a(m, \cdot)$  in the additional terms, and obtain more complicated terms. Continuing this process indefinitely, we get a formal expansion of  $a(n, t)$  as a sum of multilinear operators of  $a(m, 0)$ .

We will now describes these operators and then show that their sum converges. Again, we refer to section 3 of [3] for more detailed explanations. Each of our multilinear operators will be associated to a tree, which has the property that each of its node has either zero or three children. We will only consider trees with this property. If a node  $v$  of  $T$  has three children, they will be denoted by  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ . We denote by  $T^0$  the set of non-terminal nodes of  $T$ , and  $T^\infty$  the set of terminal nodes of  $T$ . Clearly, if  $|T| = 3k + 1$  then  $|T^0| = k$  and  $|T^\infty| = 2k + 1$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $T$  be a tree. Then  $\mathcal{J}(T)$  is the set of  $j \in \mathbb{Z}^T$  such that if  $v \in T^0$  then

$$j_v = j_{v_1} + j_{v_2} + j_{v_3},$$

and either  $j_{v_i} \neq j_v$  for all  $i$ , or  $j_{v_1} = -j_{v_2} = j_{v_3} = j_v$ .

We will denote by  $v(T)$  be the root of  $T$  and  $j(T) = j(v(T))$ . For  $j \in \mathcal{J}(T)$  and  $v \in T^0$ ,

$$\sigma(j, v) := \sigma(j(v_1), j(v_2), j(v_3)).$$

**Definition 2.2.**  $\mathcal{R}(T, t) = \{s \in \mathbb{R}_+^{T^0} : \text{if } v < w \text{ then } 0 \leq s_v \leq s_w \leq t\}$ .

Using these definitions, we can rewrite (6) as

$$a(n, t) = a(n, 0) + \sum_{|T|=4} \omega_T \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}(T), j(T)=n} na(j(v_1), 0)a(j(v_2), 0)a(j(v_3), 0) \int_{\mathcal{R}(T, t)} c(j, v, s)ds \\ + \text{additional terms}$$

here  $c(j, v, s) = e^{i\sigma(j, v)s}$ , and  $\omega_T$  is a constant with  $|\omega_T| \leq 1$ .

Continuing the replacement process will lead to

$$a(n, t) = a(n, 0) + \sum_{|T| < 3k+1} \omega_T \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}(T), j(T)=n} \prod_{u \in T^0} j_u \prod_{v \in T^\infty} a(j_v, 0) \int_{\mathcal{R}(T, t)} c(j, s)ds \\ + \text{additional terms}$$

where

$$c(j, s) = \prod_{v \in T^0} c(j, v, s)$$

We will show that the series

$$a(n, 0) + \sum_T \omega_T \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}(T), j(T)=n} \prod_{u \in T^0} j_u \prod_{v \in T^\infty} a(j_v, 0) \int_{\mathcal{R}(T, t)} c(j, s)ds$$

converges in  $l^p$  to a weak solution of (2).

### 3. $l^p$ CONVERGENCE

**Definition 3.1.** For a tree  $T$ ,  $j \in \mathcal{J}(T)$ , let

$$I_T(t, j) = \int_{\mathcal{R}(T, t)} c(j, s) ds,$$

and

$$S_T(t)(a_v)_{v \in T^\infty}(n) = \omega_T \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}(T): j(T)=n} \prod_{u \in T^0} j_u \prod_{v \in T^\infty} a_v(j_v) I_T(t, j).$$

We first give an estimate for  $I_T(t, j)$  which allows us to bound  $S_T$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** For  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $|I_T(j, t)| \leq (Ct)^{|T^0|/2} \prod_{v \in T^0} \langle \sigma(j, v) \rangle^{-1/2}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v_0$  be the root of  $T$ . For  $v \in T^0$ , define the level of  $v$ , denoted  $l(v)$ , to be the length of the unique path connecting  $v_0$  and  $v$ . Let  $O$  be the set of  $v \in T^0$  for which  $l(v)$  is odd, and  $E$  those  $v$  for which  $l(v)$  is even.

First we fix the variables  $s_v$  with  $v \in E$ , and take the integration in the variables  $s_v$  with  $v \in O$ . For each  $v \in O$ , the result of the integration is

$$\frac{1}{\sigma(j, v)} \left( e^{i\sigma(j, v)s_{\tilde{v}}} - e^{i\sigma(j, v)\max\{s_{v(1)}, s_{v(2)}, s_{v(3)}\}} \right)$$

if  $\sigma(j, v) \neq 0$ , and

$$s_{\tilde{v}} - \max\{s_{v(1)}, s_{v(2)}, s_{v(3)}\}.$$

if  $\sigma(j, v) = 0$ . Here  $\tilde{v}$  is the parent of  $v$ . Thus, we obtain the factor

$$\prod_{v \in O} \langle \sigma(j, v) \rangle^{-1}$$

and an integral in  $s_v$ ,  $v \in E$  where the integrand is bounded by  $2^{|O|}$ . As the domain of integration in  $s_v$  with  $v \in E$  has measure less than  $t^{|E|}$ , we see that

$$|I_T(j, t)| \leq 2^{|T^0|} t^{|E|} \prod_{v \in O} \langle \sigma(j, v) \rangle^{-1}.$$

By switching the role of  $O$  and  $E$ , we get

$$|I_T(j, t)| \leq 2^{|T^0|} t^{|O|} \prod_{v \in E} \langle \sigma(j, v) \rangle^{-1}.$$

Combining these two estimates, we obtain the lemma.  $\square$

By the previous lemma,

$$|S_T(t)(a_v)_{v \in T^\infty}(n)| \leq (Ct)^{|T^0|/2} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}(T): j(T)=n} \prod_{u \in T^0} \langle \sigma(j, u) \rangle^{-1/2} |j_u| \prod_{v \in T^\infty} |a_v(j_v)|.$$

Let

$$\tilde{S}_T(a_v)_{v \in T^\infty}(n) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}(T): j(T)=n} \prod_{u \in T^0} \langle \sigma(j, u) \rangle^{-1/2} |j_u| \prod_{v \in T^\infty} |a_v(j_v)|,$$

and

$$\tilde{S}(a_1, a_2, a_3)(n) = \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=n}^* |n| \langle \sigma(n_1, n_2, n_3) \rangle^{-1/2} \prod_{i=1}^3 |a_i(n_i)| + n \left| \prod a_i(n) \right|.$$

It is clear that

$$\tilde{S}_T(a_v)_{v \in T^\infty} = \tilde{S}(\tilde{S}_{T_1}(a_v)_{v \in T_1^\infty}, \tilde{S}_{T_2}(a_v)_{v \in T_2^\infty}, \tilde{S}_{T_3}(a_v)_{v \in T_3^\infty}).$$

where  $T_i$  is the subtree of  $T$  that contains all nodes  $u$  such that  $u \leq v(T)_i$  (recall that  $v(T)$  is the root of  $T$ ). Hence, to bound  $S_T$ , it suffices to bound  $\tilde{S}$ . For this purpose, we will use the following simple lemma.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $S$  be the multilinear operator defined by*

$$S(a_1, a_2, a_3)(n) = \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=n} m(n_1, n_2, n_3) \prod_{j=1}^3 a_j(n_j),$$

*Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Then for any pair of indices  $i \neq j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,*

$$\|S(a_1, a_2, a_3)\|_{l^p} \leq \sup_n \|m(n_1, n_2, n_3)\|_{l_{i,j}^{p'}} \prod_{k=1}^3 \|a_k\|_{l^p}.$$

*Proof.* By Holder inequality, for any  $n$ ,

$$|S(a_1, a_2, a_3)(n)| \leq \|m(n_1, n_2, n_3)\|_{l_{i,j}^{p'}} \left\| \prod_{k=1}^3 a_k \right\|_{l_{i,j}^p} \leq \sup_n \|m(n_1, n_2, n_3)\|_{l_{i,j}^{p'}} \left\| \prod_{k=1}^3 a_k \right\|_{l_{i,j}^p}.$$

Taking  $l^p$ -norm in  $n$  we obtain the lemma.  $\square$

To show that  $\tilde{S}$  is a bounded multilinear map on  $l^{s,p} := \{a : \langle \cdot \rangle^s a \in l^p\}$ , we will show the boundedness of  $S$  on  $l^p$  where  $S$  has kernel

$$m(n_1, n_2, n_3) = \frac{\langle n \rangle^s |n|}{\langle \sigma(n_1, n_2, n_3) \rangle^{1/2} \prod_{k=1}^3 \langle n_k \rangle^s} \quad \text{where } n = n_1 + n_2 + n_3.$$

We split  $S$  into sum of two operators  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  where  $S_1$  has convolution kernel

$$m_1(n_1, n_2, n_3) = \frac{\langle n \rangle^s |n|}{\prod_{k=1}^3 \langle n_k \rangle^s \langle n - n_k \rangle^{1/2}} \quad \text{if } n = n_1 + n_2 + n_3, \quad n_i \neq n$$

and  $S_2$  has kernel

$$m_2(n_1, n_2, n_3) = n / \langle n \rangle^{2s} \quad \text{if } n_1 = -n_2 = n_3 = n.$$

Clearly, for  $S_2$  to be bounded, we need  $s \geq 1/2$ . It remains to bound  $S_1$ , for which we have the following.

**Proposition 3.4.**  *$S_1$  is bounded from  $l^p \times l^p \times l^p$  to  $l^p$  when  $s \geq 1/4$  and  $p'(s + \frac{1}{4}) > 1$ .*

*Proof.* In the proof, all the sums are taken over the triples  $(n_1, n_2, n_3)$  that satisfy the additional property that  $n_i \neq n$ , for all  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . Clearly, we can assume  $n > 0$ . Note that if say  $|n_1| \geq 5n$  then as  $|n_2 + n_3| = |n - n_1| \geq 4n$ , at least one of  $n_2$  and  $n_3$  has absolute value bigger than  $2n$ . Also, we cannot have  $|n_i| \leq n/4$  for all  $i$ . Thus, up to permutation, there are four cases.

- (1)  $|n_1|, |n_2|, |n_3| \in [n/4, 5n]$
- (2)  $|n_1|, |n_2| \in [n/4, 5n], |n_3| \leq n/4$
- (3)  $|n_1| \in [n/4, 5n], |n_2|, |n_3| \leq n/4$
- (4)  $|n_1|, |n_2| \geq 2n$

By the previous lemma, it suffices to show that in each of these four regions, for some  $i \neq j$  the  $l_{i,j}^{p'}$ -norm of  $m$  is bounded.

**Case 1.** As  $3n = \sum (n - n_i)$  for some index  $i$ , say  $i = 3$ , we must have  $|n - n_3| \sim n$ . Since we also have  $|n_1|, |n_2| \gtrsim n$ ,

$$|m(n_1, n_2, n_3)| \lesssim \frac{\langle n \rangle^{1/2-s}}{\langle n_3 \rangle^s |(n - n_1)(n - n_2)|^{1/2}}.$$

We will use the following inequality

$$\left| \frac{1}{n_3(n - n_2)} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n_1} \left( \frac{1}{n_3} - \frac{1}{n - n_2} \right) \right| \leq \frac{1}{|n_1|} \left( \frac{1}{|n_3|} + \frac{1}{|n - n_2|} \right).$$

(1) If  $1/4 \leq s \leq 1/2$ : then  $\langle n_3 \rangle^{p'(1/2-s)} \lesssim \langle n \rangle^{p'(1/2-s)}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \|m\|_{l_{1,2}^{p'}}^{p'} &\lesssim \sum_{|n_1| \leq 5n} \frac{\langle n \rangle^{p'(1/2-s)}}{|n - n_1|^{p'/2}} \sum_{|n_2| \leq 5n} \frac{\langle n_3 \rangle^{p'(1/2-s)}}{(\langle n_3 \rangle |n - n_2|)^{p'/2}} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{|n_1| \leq 5n} \frac{\langle n \rangle^{p'(1/2-s)}}{|n - n_1|^{p'/2}} \sum_{|n_2| \leq 5n} \frac{\langle n \rangle^{p'(1/2-s)}}{|n_1|^{p'/2}} \left( \frac{1}{|n - n_2|^{p'/2}} + \frac{1}{|n - n_1 - n_2|^{p'/2}} \right) \\ &\lesssim \sum_{|n_1| \leq 5n} \frac{\langle n \rangle^{p'(1-2s)} A_n}{|(n - n_1)n_1|^{p'/2}} \\ &\lesssim \langle n \rangle^{p'(1-2s)} A_n \sum_{|n_1| \leq 5n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{1}{|n - n_1|} + \frac{1}{|n_1|} \right) \right)^{p'/2} \\ &\lesssim \langle n \rangle^{p'(1/2-2s)} A_n^2. \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum_{0 < j < 5n} j^{-p'/2} = A_n$ . As

$$A_n \lesssim \begin{cases} n^{1-p'/2} & \text{if } p' < 2 \\ \log \langle n \rangle & \text{if } p' = 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } p' > 2 \end{cases}$$

we easily check that  $\langle n \rangle^{(1/2-2s)p'} A_n^2$  is bounded by a constant, under our hypothesis on  $s$  and  $p'$ .

(2) If  $s > 1/2$ : then  $\langle n - n_2 \rangle^{p'(s-1/2)} \lesssim \langle n \rangle^{p'(s-1/2)}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}
\|m\|_{l_{1,2}^{p'}}^{p'} &\lesssim \sum_{|n_1| \leq 5n} \frac{\langle n \rangle^{p'(1/2-s)}}{|n - n_1|^{p'/2}} \sum_{|n_2| \leq 5n} \frac{\langle n - n_2 \rangle^{p'(s-1/2)}}{(\langle n_3 \rangle |n - n_2|)^{p's}} \\
&\lesssim \sum_{|n_1| \leq 5n} \frac{\langle n \rangle^{p'(1/2-s)}}{|n - n_1|^{p'/2}} \sum_{|n_2| \leq 5n} \frac{\langle n \rangle^{p'(s-1/2)}}{|n_1|^{p's}} \left( \frac{1}{|n - n_2|^{p's}} + \frac{1}{|n - n_1 - n_2|^{p's}} \right) \\
&\lesssim \sum_{|n_1| \leq 5n} \frac{B_n}{|n - n_1|^{p'/2} |n_1|^{p's}} \\
&\lesssim B_n \sum_{|n_1| \leq 5n} |n - n_1|^{p'(s-1/2)} \left( \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{1}{|n - n_1|} + \frac{1}{|n_1|} \right) \right)^{p's} \\
&\lesssim \langle n \rangle^{-p'/2} B_n^2.
\end{aligned}$$

where  $B_n = \sum_{0 < j < 5n} j^{-p's}$ . As

$$B_n \lesssim \begin{cases} n^{1-p's} & \text{if } p's < 1 \\ \log \langle n \rangle & \text{if } p's = 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } p's > 1 \end{cases}$$

we easily check that  $\langle n \rangle^{-p'/2} B_n^2$  is bounded by a constant, under our hypothesis on  $s$  and  $p'$ .

**Case 2** This case can be treated in exactly the same way as the first case, except when  $n_3 = 0$ . In the region  $n_3 = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|m\|_{l_{1,3}^{p'}}^{p'} &\lesssim \sum_{n_1} \frac{\langle n \rangle^{p'(1/2-s)}}{|n_1(n - n_1)|^{p'/2}} \leq \sum_{n_1} \langle n \rangle^{-p's} \left( \frac{1}{|n_1|^{p'/2}} + \frac{1}{|n - n_1|^{p'/2}} \right) \\
&\lesssim \langle n \rangle^{-p's} A_n \lesssim 1
\end{aligned}$$

**Case 3** As  $|n_1|, |n - n_2|, |n - n_3| \sim n$ ,

$$|m(n_1, n_2, n_3)| \lesssim \frac{1}{\langle n_2 \rangle^s \langle n_3 \rangle^s |n_2 + n_3|^{1/2}}.$$

Without loss of generality, we can suppose  $|n_3| \geq |n_2|$

(1) If  $|n_2| < |n_3|/2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\|m\|_{l_{2,3}^{p'}}^{p'} &\lesssim \sum_{0 \leq |n_2| \leq n/4} \frac{1}{\langle n_2 \rangle^{p's}} \sum_{n/4 \geq |n_3| > 2n_2} \frac{1}{\langle n_3 \rangle^{p'(s+1/2)}} \\
&\lesssim \sum_{0 \leq |n_2| \leq n/4} \frac{1}{\langle n_2 \rangle^{p'(2s+1/2)-1}} \\
&\lesssim 1
\end{aligned}$$

if  $(s + 1/4)p' > 1$ .



(2) If  $|n_2| \geq |n_3|/2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|m\|_{l_{2,3}^{p'}}^{p'} &\lesssim \sum_{|n_3| \leq n/4} \frac{1}{\langle n_3 \rangle^{2p's}} \sum_{|n_3| \geq n_2 \geq |n_3|/2} \frac{1}{\langle n_3 + n_2 \rangle^{p'/2}} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{|n_3| \leq n/4} \frac{1}{\langle n_3 \rangle^{2p's}} \max\{\log \langle n_3 \rangle, \langle n_3 \rangle^{-p'/2+1}\} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{|n_3| \leq n/4} \frac{\log \langle n_3 \rangle}{\langle n_3 \rangle^{2p's}} + \sum_{|n_3| \leq n/4} \frac{1}{\langle n_3 \rangle^{p'(2s+1/2)-1}} \lesssim 1 \end{aligned}$$

as  $2p's \geq p'(s+1/4) > 1$ .

**Case 4**  $|n_1|, |n_2| > 2n$ : Note that in this case,  $|n_1| \sim |n - n_1|$  and  $|n_2| \sim |n - n_3|$ .

(1) If  $|n_3|, |n - n_3| \geq n/2$ : we have

$$|m(n_1, n_2, n_3)| \lesssim \frac{\langle n \rangle^{1/2}}{\langle n_1 \rangle^{s+1/2} \langle n_2 \rangle^{s+1/2}},$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|m\|_{l_{1,2}^{p'}}^{p'} &\lesssim \langle n \rangle^{p'/2} \sum_{|n_1|, |n_2| > 2n} \frac{1}{\langle n_1 \rangle^{p'(s+1/2)} \langle n_2 \rangle^{p'(s+1/2)}} \\ &\lesssim \frac{\langle n \rangle^{p'/2}}{\langle 2n \rangle^{p'(2s+1)-2}} \lesssim 1. \end{aligned}$$

(2) If  $|n_3| < n/2$ : then  $|n_1| \sim |n_2|$  and  $|n - n_3| \geq n/2$ , so

$$|m(n_1, n_2, n_3)| \lesssim \frac{n^{s+1/2}}{\langle n_1 \rangle^{2s+1} \langle n_3 \rangle^s},$$

hence

$$\|m\|_{l_{1,3}^{p'}}^{p'} \lesssim B_n \sum_{|n_1| > 2n} \frac{n^{p'(s+1/2)}}{\langle n_1 \rangle^{p'(2s+1)}} \lesssim \frac{B_n}{n^{p'(s+1/2)-1}} \lesssim 1$$

(3) If  $|n - n_3| < n/2$ : then  $|n_1| \sim |n_2|$  and  $|n_3| \sim n$ . Hence,

$$|m(n_1, n_2, n_3)| \lesssim \frac{n}{\langle n_1 \rangle^{2s+1} \langle n - n_3 \rangle^{1/2}}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|m\|_{l_{1,3}^{p'}}^{p'} &\lesssim \sum_{|n_1| \geq 2n} \sum_{n/2 < n_3 < 3n/2} \frac{n^{p'}}{\langle n_1 \rangle^{p'(2s+1)} \langle n - n_3 \rangle^{p'/2}} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{|n_1| \geq 2n} \frac{A_n n^{p'}}{\langle n_1 \rangle^{p'(2s+1)}} \lesssim \frac{A_n}{n^{2p's-1}} \lesssim 1 \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof of the proposition.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Let  $u_0 \in \mathcal{FL}^{s,p}$  and  $a(n) = \widehat{u}_0(n)$ . By the previous proposition,

$$\|S_T((a_v)_{v \in T^\infty})\|_{l^{s,p}} \leq C|T^0|t^{|T^0|/2} \prod_{v \in T^\infty} \|a_v\|_{l^{s,p}}.$$

Hence, the sum

$$(7) \quad \left\| a(n, 0) + \sum_T \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}(T), j(T)=n} \prod_{u \in T^0} j_u \prod_{v \in T^\infty} a(j_v, 0) \int_{\mathcal{R}(T, t)} c(j, s) ds \right\|_{l^{s,p}} \leq \sum_T \|S_T(a, \dots, a)\|_{l^{s,p}} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (Ct)^{k/2} \|a\|_{l^{s,p}}^{2k+1} = \frac{\|u_0\|_{\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}}}{1 - \sqrt{Ct} \|u_0\|_{\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}}^2}.$$

converges for all  $t \lesssim \min\{1, \|u_0\|_{\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}}^{-4}\}$ . Let  $a(n, t)$  denote this sum, and define the solution map  $u = Wu_0$  by  $\widehat{u}(n, t) = e^{-in^3 t} a(n, t)$ . It follows from (7) that  $W$  is uniformly continuous. It remains to show that  $W$  extends the solution maps for smooth initial data.

From the definition of  $S_T$ , it is clear that  $a(n, t)$  satisfies the equation (5). Let  $u_N(0) = (\chi_{[-N, N]} \widehat{u}_0)^\vee$  and  $u_N = W(u_N(0))$ . As  $\|u_N(\cdot, 0)\|_{\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}} \leq \|u(\cdot, 0)\|_{\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}}$ ,  $u_N$  is defined on the interval where  $u$  is defined, and  $u_N \rightarrow u$  in  $C([0, T], \mathcal{FL}^{s,p})$ . Since  $\widehat{u}_N(\cdot, 0)$  is compactly supported,  $u_N \in C([0, T_0], \mathcal{FL}^{\sigma,p}) \subset C([0, T_0], \mathcal{FL}^1)$  for some large  $\sigma$ . Here,  $T_0$  depends on  $\sigma$  and  $N$ . Thus, if  $t \leq T_0$ , in (5) we can exchange the order of the sum and the integral, therefore  $u_N$  satisfies (4). Thus,  $u_N$  is a classical solution of (2). Using the bound (7), we can repeat the argument on the interval  $[T_0, 2T_0]$ , etc., and show that  $u_N$  is a classical solution on an interval  $[0, T_1]$  where  $T_1$  depends on  $\|u_0\|_{\mathcal{FL}^{s,p}}$  only. Thus  $u$  is the limit in  $C([0, T_1], \mathcal{FL}^{s,p})$  of smooth solutions  $u_N$ .  $\square$

The proof of Proposition 1.2 is basically the same as that of Proposition 1.4 in [3], hence we omit it.

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